



Field Update

Notre Dame Regional High School opened in September 1953 at 2855 Parker Street. The school consisted of Classrooms, Gymnasium, and the Convent on Parker Street. The playing field was along Kaslo Street. The School moved the field to Venables street side of our property a couple of years later.

Redeveloping Notre Dame

In 2004 Notre Dame started the process with the City of Vancouver to rebuild the school. Between 2004 and 2006, Public Open houses and meetings were held with neighbours and City of Vancouver staff. After all the consultation, Notre Dame applied for a Development Permit to rebuild the full site, including new classrooms, renovating the gym, and auditorium, and moving the field and parking lot on the site.

In 2007 the City of Vancouver approved the school application for redevelopment of the school site. The redevelopment included a new school wing on Venables Street, renovation to the school gymnasium and auditorium, and a new infill section connecting the two on Renfrew Street. The school parking lot would move to Parker Street and the school field would be moved below the parking lot.

School Construction

Construction commenced in the summer of 2008 and the school field on Venables street was closed for the new academic wing. The Fr Joe Ponti Academic Wing and the renovated Alumni Hall Gymnasium reopened in April 2010. The Fr Joe Cuddy Auditorium at Parker and Renfrew was renovated in 2012. The new infill section was started in 2014, with construction along Renfrew street connecting the Alumni Hall Gymnasium and the Fr Joe Cuddy Auditorium. The infill section opened to students in April 2015.

School Field and Parking lot

The school is now preparing to complete the final phase of construction, moving the parking lot to Parker Street and completing the school field sunken between the parking lot at the south and the Fr Joe Ponti Academic Wing on the north. This is all part of the school's original development permit. Minor amendments were made limiting the seating to hold the present school population of 740 students, reconfiguring the parking lot and the school loading zones.

The field will not have lighting for after-hours use so it will only be able to be used from dawn to dusk. The field surface will be artificial turf so

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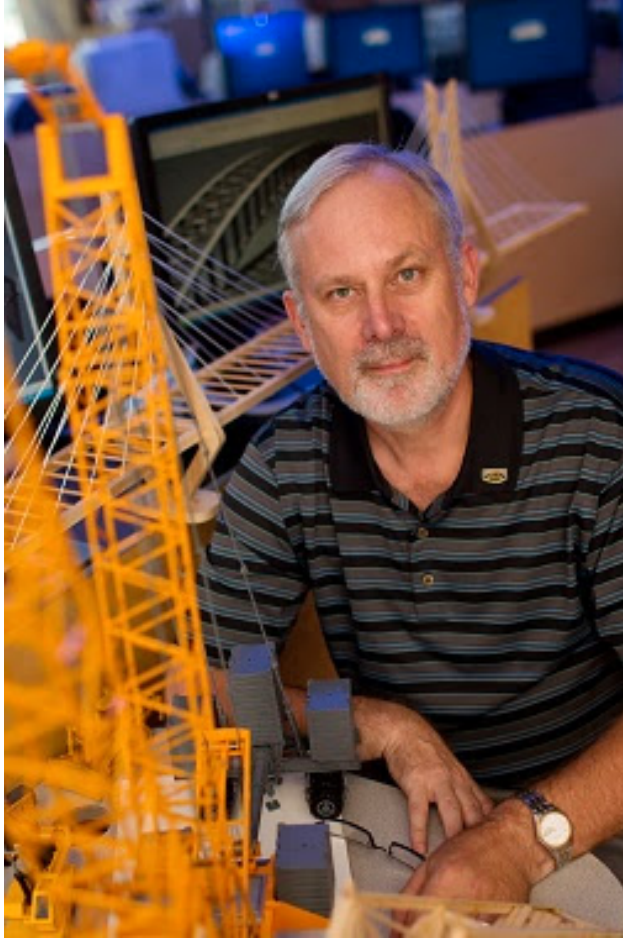
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DOORS OPEN at 7PM
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that the field can be used year round and especially during Vancouver's rainy season without damaging the turf.

School Use of Field

The main use of our field during the day will be for physical education classes, intramural school sports, school Masses, assemblies and as an outdoor classroom. We have 21 physical education classes that get transported to fields in the area, sometimes weekly, depending on the weather and the time of year. Right now 160 students are transported 4-5 days a week to fields in Vancouver and Burnaby for practice because we cannot accommodate them at the school. Most of these practices will now be able to be accommodated on the school field.

Limited game use

In the fall our grade 8 football team would play on a Tuesday afternoon 3-5 games at home per

year. The Junior football games would be played on Wednesday and they would play also 3-5 games at home per year. The senior team will play between 4-5 games at home. They would play on a Saturday between 11 am and 4 pm. Our soccer and field hockey teams would host a home game during weekdays in the school year.

Community Use

During the 2004-2006 consultation process, community use of the field was raised by some neighbours, who wanted to have occasional access to the field. While additional community use is not in the current school plans, it is possible. The school will work with neighbourhood groups seeking access.

Peter Vogel Retires

As Notre Dame students and staff gather to fulfill the exciting promises of another year at our school, we should pause and acknowledge the absence of one of our most senior and respected teachers, Mr. Peter Vogel, who retired at the end of June.

Most students knew Mr. Vogel as an inspiring Physics teacher, a mentor in Computer Science, and the unfailingly energetic organizer of our world-famous Balsa Bridge Contest. Staff members knew him as a supportive, wise friend, someone who devoted untold hours of his personal time to helping teachers chart a path through the bewildering world of educational technology and who never seemed too busy to help recover a lost file or two along the way.

Mr. Vogel came to Notre Dame in 1979, hired on as the first computer teacher the school had known. He immediately set about to transform the nuns' old convent into Notre Dame's first computer lab, a nice bit of irony that involved turning their spartan monastic cells, reflective of the most ancient simplicity, into a center of 20th century technology. He never tired of this transforming process, as over the better part of four decades he constantly sought to bring newer and better technologies to his colleagues and students.

The crowning achievement of Mr. Vogel's work in the old school was the networking of the entire building's computers and the hosting of almost every Archdiocesan institution's website on the school's server. He named this server Raphael, in honour of one of the Archangels. Many, many of our local parishes had their first web presence thanks to Mr. Vogel's tireless labours.

With the move to the new school building in 2010, Mr. Vogel set himself new challenges. The most far-reaching of these, not only in our school, but throughout the Archdiocese, was the introduction of Chromebook technology to the classroom. Thanks to Mr. Vogel's incredible foresight, Notre Dame was the first school in the entire country to bring this technology to its students. Mr. Vogel saw that the future was no longer in local storage, but in cloud computing. The early success of this program was featured prominently in local media and, after some reluctance, other schools in the Archdiocese gradually came to see that Chromebooks offered cheap, reliable, and stable platforms for student learning. They are now everywhere.

In addition to his love of information technology, Mr. Vogel had other passions to share with his students: physics, engineering, and astronomy. In 1981, he secured the exhibition of NASA moon rocks at Notre Dame, inviting students from across the Archdiocese to attend. And of course, there was his passion for bridge design, which spurred him to introduce to Notre Dame the annual Balsa Bridge Building Contest, now in its 39th year. The idea for the contest came to Mr. Vogel while on a school exchange to Newfoundland. With a budget of \$10, he enlisted his father's help to build the original testing equipment. Over the history of this Contest, some

Trivia Night 2019

Mark your calendars! Our next ND Alumni Trivia night is April 5, 2019!

ND Uncorked!

Tickets are now on sale for Notre Dame: Uncorked! Please join us for our newest fundraising event, an evening of fine wines, great food and excellent company!

Friday, November 16, 2018

Doors 7:00 | Wine Tasting 7:00

Auction

Ticket are \$50/person and are available at the school office.

1900 students have taken pride in the design and craftsmanship of their own unique creations. And many students had their careers in engineering and technology assisted by the generous scholarship monies Mr. Vogel secured from sponsors in the engineering world.

All of these many achievements did not go unnoticed by the world at large. Over the years, Mr. Vogel collected awards that are impressive in both number and prestige. He was given a Prime Minister's Award and a Premier's Award, as well as awards from various professional engineering associations. His implementation of technology in the school even caught the attention of Bill Gates, who gave Notre Dame a Connected Learning Community Award. Most unique, perhaps, is the fact that Mr. Vogel was the first ever Canadian teacher invited to spend a month of professional development at the world's largest physics laboratory (and the birthplace of the World Wide Web) at CERN in Switzerland: truly an honour both for him and Notre Dame.

All of the above forms an impressive resume. But none of that matters as much as what follows:

Mr. Vogel met his wife, Maria, at Notre Dame. She was the head of the school's languages department. They have been happily married for 37 years.

The Vogels have two sons, Dominic and Michael, both of whom have followed their father in highly successful technology careers. Michael founded a Bitcoin company and Dominic is an expert on internet security. Mr. Vogel is incredibly proud of them both.

Mr. Vogel has launched countless students into post-secondary careers in science, technology and engineering and many have written to speak of the incredible influence he had on their careers. To take but one example, we have the words of Dylan Jow (grad 2014), who is pursuing a PhD in Cosmology at the University of Toronto. Dylan writes:

“Mr. Vogel, you were such an integral part of my ND experience that it seems impossible to imagine the place without you! You were an amazing teacher both inside and outside the classroom, and it is in no small part a result of your teaching that I decided to pursue physics. Even now, you continue to be an inspiration for me as I remember your unyielding curiosity for the world and technology. I hope that when next you meet a curious young kid, you will stop to talk to them about black holes; it might make all the difference in their life.”

For a teacher, there is no greater gift than honest thanks received from a grateful student. In this respect, Mr. Vogel is embarrassed by his riches. We all - students, alumni, and staff - extend to him our heartfelt thanks for his decades of devotion to Notre Dame and we wish him every blessing in his retirement.

Eileen Brassington Retires

As many know by now, our very own Mrs. Brassington has decided to start a new chapter in her life where she will sleep, do what she wants when she wants, travel and of course maximize her senior's discounts at leisure. Mrs. Brassington has decided to retire from her career as a teacher and coach. I, Tracy Clarke, a colleague of Eileen, welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to her.

First and most importantly, it is imperative that the Notre Dame community recognize the

many selfless hours Eileen has devoted to this community, the several roles she has taken on and the opportunities she has provided to the generations of students who have passed through this rich and caring community.

Throughout her years at Notre Dame, Mrs. Brassington has been a true Juggler in every sense of the word, taking on endless projects and doing them amazingly well! She has devoted a huge part of her life to the service of this community as a teacher, a coach, counsellor, mentor, role model, chaperone, even a matchmaker (ask Mr. Scott about that one). Mrs. Brassington has driven hundreds of students to sporting events, taken many student-athletes on trips. She even assumed the role of secretary for 6 months once upon a time here at ND. Furthermore, she has been a constant support to her colleagues, always willing to participate, contribute to the cause, lend a hand; she has been an anchor to our school community.

Over the past few years Mrs. Brassington claims to have scaled back her activities to what many would still find overwhelming, but for Mrs. Brassington, it's simply what she does. PE dept head, organizing the football game, organizing scorekeepers, organizing refs, booking the gym time during basketball season, selling PE strip, chaperoning dances: these are but some of the ways in which she has served the Notre Dame community. Quite remarkably, Mrs. Brassington was able to juggle these tasks while still finding the energy to determine who required a lecture for their behaviour at (any given time of the day)... whether it was students or colleagues.

Noteworthy, too, is the fact that Mrs. Brassington has coached almost every sport at Notre Dame, including track and field, basketball, volleyball, in addition to assisting with the senior girls' basketball team for a number of years. It should be noted that “HER” teams won many BC Catholic Basketball Championships as well as Provincial championships.

A mere child in appearance, but by no means in maturity, Eileen McGee, as she then was, joined the Notre Dame staff in 1980. Rumour has it that she drove what some today might refer to as a sketchy, big, bright yellow van with no seats. Allegedly several student athletes were carted

around to their sporting events as long as she owned this unusual vehicle.

During her early years at Notre Dame, Eileen met the man who would be the love of her life, John Brassington, a fellow staff member. They were subsequently blessed with three wonderful children: C. J., Samantha, and Will. Because of her dedication to family, the 1990's Mrs. Brassington took a few years away from her duties at Notre Dame so that she could look after her family.

However, it was not long before she returned to the staff, where she resumed both her teaching and coaching roles. Among other things, she also organized several team trips to places such as Hawaii, California and Cuba.

Only one who has shared an office with a person can really get to know that person. So it was that I was exposed to many "Mrs. Brassingtonisms", such as "Hurry up! My dead grandmother can run faster than you" or "No gym strip??? Put your hand out! Now smack it!", or "Are you a lemming? Do you know what a lemming is? Do you want to know what a lemming is? Too bad, I'm going to tell you what a lemming is!" But with all the tough talk and sometimes brutally honest feedback Mrs. Brassington always delivered the message with love and concern to the bewildered, and ultimately grateful target.

For the PE staff, and indeed the staff as a whole, Mrs. Brassington has been a terrific colleague. She has created a sense of family. A consummate friend, she is always ready for a laugh, always willing to lend an empathetic ear. This is a woman who lives her values and has fulfilled her vocation as a teacher and coach with integrity and pride. Her quest to do the right thing and be fair is admirable. Her ability to see the bigger picture, and seek the benefit for all is inspiring. Most importantly, to the Notre Dame staff, as a member of this faith community, Mrs. Brassington serves as a powerful role model as someone who lives her faith.

During one of the most traumatic times in her life, when she had to deal with the tragic and sudden loss of her beloved husband, John, we all witnessed with awe, a courageous beautiful and

authentic woman demonstrate her strength and rely on her faith and graciously allowed her community to support her through her lowest points. She was then and is at all times, a rock and an inspiration.

The Notre Dame community has been blessed to have had Mrs. Brassington as a member for 31 years. Thank you! Mrs. Brassington you will be dearly missed but never forgotten. Our wish for you is that you experience a most fulfilling and well-deserved retirement. May God bless you in all that you do!

Letters

Dear Notre Dame Alumni Association,

Thank you for choosing me as one of the recipients of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Bursary award. I am very proud to be a Juggler, and my hope is to maintain connections to the Notre Dame community in the years to come, both directly with the school and through the Association. I will endeavour to put the money from this scholarship to good use during my years of study by working hard to become a better and more rounded person.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank you again for choosing me for this scholarship.

Agostino Pizzolato, ND 2018

To the N.D. Alumni Association members:

I LOVE my new locket. Thanks so much for taking the time to find such a special gift for me. It's a unique piece which I will treasure. Thanks as well for the invitation to dinner at Eva's place. Such stimulating and enjoyable company elevated the pizza to fine dining — although it was delicious pizza. I will see you all down the road and am seriously considering joining your group, and not just for the food!

Thanks again, with much love,

Eileen Brassington

Thank You!

The Alumni Association would like to thank Joe Dardano for his support while he was with Notre Dame, and his continued participation as an Alumnus. We look forward to Joe continuing to MC our Trivia Night in April!

We also wanted to thank to Karin Klinkradt (Eckfellner), who graduated in 1958, for her continued financial support of the ND Alumni Association. We truly appreciate her generous donations.

Class of 1988 Reunion

The ND Grad Class of 1988 celebrated their 30 Year Reunion on Saturday October 13th at Sopra Sotto Pizzeria.

Thirty years later, we got together over delicious food and drinks remembering the friendships we lived for, the great late night parties we had, and the music we played. These memories were shared and lots of catching up was done. We all enjoyed being back together and missed those old ND high school days. It was a great night and



CLASS OF 1988 REUNION

Support the Association

We hope to continue the tradition of awarding a scholarship to one or two students of Alumni parents every year, and continue to support school with contributions to the Chapel and other causes as much as we can.

Unfortunately our registrations have declined since our newsletter has gone online. Please encourage your alumni friends and family to register their email address online from our web site at <http://www.alumni.org> so they will receive the newsletter. Consider registering by sending a cheque for \$20 or more every year with the information in the order form below.

everyone was happy that our Juggler family was back together!

The reunion gave us the opportunity to remember some great moments in time, hopefully leading to more gatherings in the future with our old friends. We are already looking forward to our 35th!

Many thanks to the Grad Committee – Sabrina Tucci (Mattiazzo), Sandra Ungemach (Boffo), Senia Martinez (Bobanovic), Reno Mauro, Ivan Ferenc and Peter Matino.

**Notre Dame Alumni Association
Membership Form**

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NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT			
BALANCE FORWARD as of March 31 ,2016			\$7,809.57
REVENUE			
	Registrations	\$1,716.11	
	Class donation	\$100.00	
	Donations fr. Grad '58	\$3,682.20	
	ND Alumni Play (Dec. 2016)	\$3,797.40	
	Trivia Night (Feb. 17/17)	\$1,356.75	
	Trivia Night (April 6/18)	\$1,813.00	
		\$12,465.46	\$12,465.46
EXPENSES			
	Bank Charges	\$205.73	
	ND Alumni Scholarship 2016	\$500.00	
	Chapel's 2nd Stained glass window	\$3,660.00	
	Chapel Altar cloths, candles, etc. 2016 -'17	\$2,984.68	
	Chapel chairs 2018	\$503.99	
	Tiles for Staff kitchen	\$97.61	
	Donated a portable bar for school events ie. Trivia	\$3,138.57	
	ND Alumni Scholarship 2017	\$1,000.00	
	ND Alumni scholarship 2018	\$1,000.00	
	Retirement gifts for teachers: Alan Charlton, Eileen Brassington & Joe Dardano	\$1,112.34	
	Get Wells/plant/flowers	\$163.09	
	Office Supplies/Meetings	\$145.40	
	Yearend retirement Social	\$128.15	
		\$14,639.56	\$14,639.56
Balance as of August 2018			\$5,635.47